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MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION BUREAU WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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[Docket No. HM-169; Notice No. 79-1]

Requirements for Transportation of Radioactive Materials; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Materials Transporation Bureau, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of time to file comments.

SUMMARY: On January 8, 1979, the Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB) published a notice of proposed rulemaking under Docket HM-169 (44 FR 1852) pertaining to requirements for the transportation of radioactive materials. The changes were proposed to make them compatable with the latest revised international standards for transport of radioactive materials as promulgated by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). By this notice, the MTB is extending the comment period of Docket HM-169 to coincide with the extension of comment period being taken by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), of its parallel proposal to ammend Title 10 CFR, Part 71. "Packaging of Radioactive Materials for Transport and Transportation of Radioactive Materials Under Certain Conditions" published elsewhere in this issue.

DATE: The time for filing comments is extended from October 16, 1979 to December 17, 1979.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy filed a petition with the NRC requesting a 90-day extension of time to file comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking dealing with standards for transport of radioactive materials. The NRC has determined that a 90-day extension is not necessary and has extended the comment period for 60-days. Since the MTB and NRC notices contain parallel proposals, the MTB believes an extension of time to file comments to Docket HM-169 is appropriate and hereby extends the comment period of this docket from October 16, 1979 to December 17, 1979.

(49 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1808, 49 CFR 1.53; 49 CFR Part 1 App. A. and paragraph (a)(4) of App. A to Part 106)

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